

<b>Competition</b>	<p><b>2024 SEA Age Artistic Swimming Championships, Thailand</b> 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024</p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> the 2024 SEA Age Championships will be using the new scoring system and World Aquatics Rules 2022 – 2025.</p>
<b>Policy Purpose</b>	This policy is to select swimmers from 12&Under Age Group to represent Singapore at the 2024 SEA Age Championships to be held in Thailand, 5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2024.
<b>Qualifying Period</b>	21 – 23 June 2024
<b>Initial Release Date</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024

<b>Selection Event</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Singapore National Age Group Artistic Swimming Championships 2024
<b>Events to be Competed</b>	<p>Solo – No reserve. Duet – One reserve. Team – 4 to 8 swimmers (a penalty of 0.5 points will be deducted per swimmer for any team with less than 8 athletes); two reserves are allowed.</p> <p>No replacement, substitution is allowed to the Solo, Duet and Team composition after the selection event has been completed.</p>
<b>Events &amp; Quota</b>	SAQ reserves the right to NOT select the maximum number of athletes permitted per event if athletes fail to meet the qualifying standards.
<b>Eligibility</b>	<p>To be considered for selection, a swimmer must meet the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be a Singapore Citizen.</li> <li>2. Be a member of a swim club affiliated to SAQ.</li> <li>3. Be born on or after 1 Jan 2012.</li> <li>4. Adhere to all the directions, team rules and regulations given by SAQ.</li> <li>5. Sign the Athlete Agreement and abide by its Rules and Regulations. This policy forms part of the Athlete Agreement (only if they meet the qualifying scores and represent Singapore).</li> </ol>

<b>Qualifying Criteria</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The top ranked eligible Solo, Duet, and Team from the 12&amp;Under event at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Singapore National Age Group Artistic Swimming Championships with the highest combined score from routine and figures MAY be selected to represent Singapore at the 2024 SEA Age Championships providing they meet the minimum qualifying scores.</li> <li>Minimum Qualifying Scores: <table border="1" data-bbox="533 577 1485 748"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Figures</th> <th>Routines</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Solo</td> <td>52.00</td> <td>100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Duet</td> <td>52.00</td> <td>110.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Team</td> <td>52.00</td> <td>120.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </li> <li>Any selected swimmer who declines participation in the event must inform the Sport Manager (Artistic Swimming) in writing within 72 hours of dissemination of the Athlete Agreement.</li> <li>Any remaining quota spots will go to the next ranked swimmer providing they achieve the minimum qualifying scores.</li> </ol>		Figures	Routines	Solo	52.00	100.00	Duet	52.00	110.00	Team	52.00	120.00
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<b>Performance Requirements</b>	<p>Apart from the technical competency of Artistic Swimming, athletes of the 12&amp; Under Age Group Solo, Duet, and Team are expected to develop &amp; work on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training endurance (endurance in complete routines, consistency in training, always giving best effort, undergoing timed swims)</li> <li>Body and facial expression (must demonstrate body expression, energy, aggressive movements, and as requested, be able to demonstrate one or several facial expressions during a routine).</li> <li>Behavior and attitude (professional behavior: punctuality, commitment/dedication, leadership, work ethic, concentration/focus, open to comments, ability to self-evaluate and quick correction)</li> <li>Psychological and physical readiness to handle the competition.</li> <li>Team Chemistry – interaction/relationship with teammates, coaches, and other relevant personnel.</li> <li>Ability to perform without base mark.</li> </ol> <p><b>Participation at AAG is dependent on the competition readiness of the swimmers. SAQ may conduct assessments of the athletes after the trials and prior to the event. If the performance drops by 10% from the qualifying scores achieved at the selection event, SAQ reserves the right to withdraw the swimmers from participating in the SEA Age Championships.</b></p>												

<b>Team Commitments</b>	<p>All swimmers must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sign and comply with the terms in the SAQ Athlete Agreement at all times.</li> <li>2. Comply with SAQ requirements regarding team participation. This includes, but is not limited to, training commitment, availability to compete in local and overseas competition and wearing the team uniform as required.</li> <li>3. Make themselves available for all team activities designated by SAQ.</li> <li>4. Not act in such a manner as to bring the athlete or SAQ into public disrepute.</li> <li>5. After the trial, upon selection of the Solo, Duet and Team representation, the swimmer will continue to train with the Club Coaches. A detailed training plan, leading up to AAG, must be submitted by the Club to SAQ for its approval. SAQ recommends a minimum of 5 times training per week, each with at least 3 hours of training in the water per session.</li> <li>6. SAQ reserves the right not to send the Solo, Duet, or Team to the AAG, if the Club and its swimmers/coaches fail to abide by the minimum training commitments. SAQ officials/staff may, without advance notice, drop by to observe training sessions. If there should be an ad hoc change to the schedule provided to SAQ, please advise SAQ immediately.</li> <li>7. SAQ expects swimmers to attend 100% of all training sessions. SAQ may request records of attendance which must be provided immediately.</li> </ol>
<b>Team Size</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SAQ will select the team in line with the event rules and the qualifying criteria.</li> <li>2. If there are limits to the number of athletes each federation may send, priority will be given to athletes in the team event, and the remaining numbers will then go to the duet members, and if there are still spots available, then the solo.</li> </ol> <p>Please note participation in the 2024 SEA Age Championships will be self-funded, including that of club coaches and SAQ support staff.</p> <p>Accordingly, while SAQ will assist by coordinating the orders for the Singapore team attire, (t-shirts, training swimsuits etc.), bag packs etc, the selected swimmers/club coaches /clubs will be accountable /responsible for payment of their respective purchases.</p>
<b>Final Selection</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. After selection, assessments may be conducted one week before the 'Entry by Name' deadline to determine the performance readiness of the Solo, Duet, and Team.</li> <li>2. If the assessment results do not meet the minimum qualifying score, SAQ reserves the right to withdraw its preliminary entry and there will be no participation in the competition.</li> </ol>

<b>Appeal Process</b>	<p>Any swimmer who is aggrieved with their non-selection may make an appeal as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The swimmer must notify the Vice President, Artistic Swimming of their intent to appeal within 48 hours of SAQ communicating of their non-selection to the team.</li> <li>2. The Vice President Artistic Swimming will ask the swimmer to outline the basis of her appeal and will seek a report from the National Head Coach, within 24 hours of receiving written notification from the swimmer.</li> <li>3. The appeals committee can overturn the decision of the selection committee. The appeals committee decision is final.</li> </ol> <p><i>Note:</i>  <i>Protests against the scores given by the judges during the competition or trials conducted, as part of the appeal, shall not be considered.</i></p>
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The Selection Panel will consist of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vice President (Artistic Swimming)</li> <li>• Adviser (Artistic Swimming)</li> <li>• National Head Coach</li> <li>• Executive Director</li> <li>• Sport Director (Artistic Swimming)</li> </ul> <p>The appeals committee will consist of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President of Singapore Swimming Association</li> <li>• Secretary General of Singapore Swimming Association</li> <li>• Ho Mun Wai</li> </ul>
<b>Approved Date</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024